



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5607

House of Representatives, April 12, 2016

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FILM DEVELOPERS AND CAMERA REPAIR PERSONS AS MANDATED REPORTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2016 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any
5 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2)
6 any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether
7 or not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical
8 nurse, (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental
9 hygienist, (8) any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in
10 section 53a-65, (10) social worker, (11) any person who holds or is
11 issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of
12 intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or
13 older, (12) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of
14 youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any

15 individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth
 16 sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or
 17 older, (14) any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director,
 18 athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private
 19 institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older,
 20 excluding student employees, (15) any police officer, (16) any juvenile
 21 or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or adult parole officer, (18)
 22 any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist, (20) any physical
 23 therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor, (23) any
 24 podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any physician
 25 assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified emergency
 26 medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed or
 27 certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a licensed
 28 marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual assault
 29 counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-
 30 146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31) any
 31 person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care for
 32 a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child
 33 care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any
 34 employee of the Department of Children and Families, (34) any
 35 employee of the Department of Public Health, (35) any employee of the
 36 Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child
 37 care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes or youth
 38 camps, (36) any paid youth camp director or assistant director, (37) the
 39 Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate,
 40 (38) any person employed to repair a camera or to develop or print a
 41 photograph, film, videotape, picture or computer-generated image or
 42 picture, whether made or produced by electronic, digital, mechanical
 43 or other means, and [(38)] (39) any family relations counselor, family
 44 relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by
 45 the Judicial Department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	17a-101(b)

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which expands the list of mandated reporters of child abuse, results in a potential minimal revenue gain to the General Fund as the failure of these individuals to report is a class A misdemeanor. In 2015, there was one charge of failure to report that was dismissed.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the whether or not camera repair persons or film developers are fined for failure to report.

Sources: *Judicial Department Offenses and Revenue Database*

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5607*****AN ACT CONCERNING FILM DEVELOPERS AND CAMERA REPAIR PERSONS AS MANDATED REPORTERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds camera repair persons and film developers to the list of mandated reporters of child abuse. Specifically, the bill applies to anyone employed to (1) repair a camera or (2) develop or print a photograph, film, videotape, picture, or computer-generated image or picture.

If a mandated reporter acting in a professional capacity has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused, neglected, or placed in imminent risk of serious harm, he or she must report (1) orally to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or a law enforcement agency within 12 hours and (2) in writing to DCF within 48 hours after making an oral report.

Failure to report as required is generally a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both. In some circumstances (such as repeat violations), it is a class E felony, punishable by up to three years in prison, a fine of up to \$3,500, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 45 Nay 0 (03/30/2016)